

# Abakhan

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**Abakhan** (Khakas: *Аҥбан*; Turkish: *Abahan*; Azerbaijanese: *Abaxan* or آباخان; Uzbek: *Abakan*; Kyrgyz, Mongol: *Абахан*; Russian: *АбакѦн*, Ottoman: آباخان, Tatar: А́ба́кан) is legendary khan (king) in Turkish mythology. Also known as **Aba Khan**, **Abakan** or **Abahan**. Considered to be the ancestor of Khakass and Abakan people.

Myths tells of the Khakassian warrior whose name means "**Bear's Blood**". He jumped into the river, and thus gave the Abakan river and Abakan city his name.

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## Features

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He lives in Altingöl (Golden Lake). He has the power of rainmaking.<sup>[1]</sup> Protects Altai country.<sup>[2]</sup> The warrior Aba Khan ("The Bear King"), lived in ancient times on the edge of Abakan River. He drowned in the waters of Abakan River with his horse. In the past, the totems of the Abakan peoples were bears. According to the Khakas people, the bear is a sacred animal. From the opposite bank of the Abakan River jumped the warrior Aba Khan with his horse to other side. Can be seen ursine-shaped rocks where Small-Abakan and Large-Abakan rivers accentuated.<sup>[3]</sup>

## Etymology

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The word means "Bear King" or the blood of the bear. In Turkish *Abi* (big brother) and *Aba/Apa* (father, grandfather) are associated meanings. Ancient Mongolian *Aba* and Old Turkic "Ab" words contains meaning of hunting.<sup>[4]</sup> *Abakan* word is in Anatolian Turkish generous, honorable, dignified.

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